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LAGOS FOR AMBASSADOR; DAR ES SALAAM FOR AMB YOUNG

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PDEV, RH, US, UK

SUBJECT: LAGOS VISIT: FRONTLINE FOREIGN MINISTERS
MEETING

REF: LAGOS 3815

1. GIVEN APPARENT NIGERIAN UNWILLINGNESS TO INVITE
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BRITISH PARTICIPANTS IN PROPOSED MEETING WITH FRONTLINE
FOREIGN MINISTERS SECRETARY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE BEST IF
YOU AND ANDY NUDGED IN DIRECTION OF CANCELLING IT. ANDY
WILL HAVE HAD ADVANTAGE OF DIRECT TALKS WITH FRONTLINE
PRESIDENTS, AND NIGERIANS WILL PRESUMABLY ALSO HAVE FIRST
HAND REPORT FROM DAR, SO THERE WOULD BE LITTLE ADVANTAGE
OF FURTHER TALKS WITH FOREIGN MINISTERS WITHOUT THE

BRITISH.

2. WHILE YOU SHOULD AVOID GIVING IMPRESSION THAT THE SECRETARY IS UNWILLING TO MEET WITH FOREIGN MINISTERS AT ALL, IT SHOULD BE CLEAR SECRETARY WOULD BE CONCERNED ABOUT ENGAGING IN "SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS" ABOUT RHODESIA WITHOUT THE BRITISH. SINCE THERE ALSO APPEARS TO BE A SCHEDULING PROBLEM THAT COULD INTERFERE WITH US-NIGERIAN CONVERSATIONS, YOU MIGHT LET NIGERIANS USE THIS TO PERSUADE THEMSELVES THAT IT WOULD BE BEST NOT TO HAVE THE MEETING. VANCE

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